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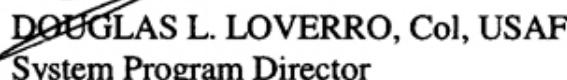
MEMORANDUM FOR POTENTIAL OFFERORS

FROM: SMC/CZ

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SUBJECT: GPS III Architecture Studies

1. Thank you for your interest in the GPS III Program System Architecture and Requirements Definition (SARD) Study and welcome to one of the most exciting partnerships in space for our new millenium. As you know, the USAF regularly invests in a prospective look at our required force structure well beyond tomorrow - - that is the purpose of this study. The JCS recently completed an update of their Joint Vision 2010 statement, extending it to 2020 and beyond. It relies heavily on GPS capabilities that will continue to support our warfighting goals for years to come. Our job is to make sure that the GPS system we field for those distant tomorrows is the enabler, not the limiting element, of that future force structure.
2. My GPS III team has worked hard to insure that the framework of this acquisition is a true partnership with industry and one result is this RFP. It is structured so as to allow you, along with your teammates, to put your best foot forward--to take some time to dream about a future significantly improved by more robust and enhanced GPS capabilities, to propose your plan to understand the opportunities and costs that these capabilities represent, and to develop your approach to make this dream a reality.
3. When I consider GPS III, I am cognizant of the fact that it truly represents the best, and possibly the last, chance we'll have during the next 20 years to significantly impact the way we deliver navigation-timing services to the world. We have a rare opportunity to work together on a system that will have yet unforeseen effects. But, I also realize that the decisions we make over the next few years will result in a permanent tax on the DoD and US budget for many years. As important it is to determine the right set of services, so to is it critical to understand fully at what price they come. We have a dual responsibility; to do a world-class job of defining the architecture, allocating and maturing requirements and fully appreciating all of the risks involved with our eventual solution; and, to be able to provide US leadership with an affordable solution to its future needs. Success in this study will demand the vision, tools, and management processes to do both.
4. The entire GPS III team would like to thank you for your tremendous involvement in the pre-solicitation phase. If at any time during the process you need clarification or have substantive comment that will effect our decisions, please do not hesitate to bring them forward. Please direct any questions about this acquisition to the Contracting Officer, Vonda Drake, at 310-363-1741.

  
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